

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:
a ring shaped main body sized and shaped to apply appropriate pressure on lateral vaginal walls for treating pelvic organ prolapse,
characterized in that the ring shaped main body is flexible, the device being foldable at least three different points or along at least two axes, such that insertion of the main body does not have to be precise and that the ring shaped main body naturally settles into the appropriate rotational position for prolapse treatment taking a pre-defined multi-planar shape; and
an applicator enclosing the ring shaped main body for inserting said ring shaped main body into a vagina.
2. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said multi-planar main body extends in three axes.
3. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 further comprising a device displacer.
4. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to enhance comfort.
5. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-4~~ claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.
6. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~claims 4 or 5~~ claim 4 wherein the soft external layer is comprised of sponge rubber.
7. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-6~~ claim 1 wherein said apparatus is at least partially flexible, said apparatus flexible in response to forces applied to it while in the vagina and during removal.

8. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-7~~ claim 1 which is disposable.

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-8~~ claim 1 wherein said main body is adapted to not directly compress a urethra after said insertion.

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-9~~ claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body is provided with a varying degree of stiffness along its length enabling the main body to assume the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-9~~ claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body elastically expands into the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:
a main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina; and;
an anchoring body, wherein said anchoring body is selectively affixed to said main body.

13. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~claims 12 or 13~~ claim 12 further comprising a device displacer.

15. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-14~~ claim 12 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-15~~ claim 12 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-16~~ claim 12 which is disposable.

18. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-17~~ claim 12 wherein said main body is deformable upon the application of a removal force towards ~~an vaginal opening of said vagina~~.

19. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-18~~ claim 12 further comprising an applicator adapted for insertion of said apparatus.

20. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-19~~ claim 12 wherein said anchoring body is ring shaped.

21. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-19~~ claim 12 wherein said anchoring body is ovoid.

22. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12-19~~ claim 12 where said anchoring body is multi-sided.

23. (Previously presented) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

a thin main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina, which main body is deformable at least three points thereon.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

25. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~claims 23 or 24~~ claim 23 further comprising a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

26. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 23-25~~ claim 23 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.

27. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 23-26~~ claim 23 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

28. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 23-27~~ claim 23 which is disposable.

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 21-28~~ claim 23 wherein said apparatus does not directly compress a urethra upon said insertion.

30. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 1-29~~ claim 1 or claim 23 wherein said main body is provided with a hollow lumen, and further comprising:

- a flexible tube, wherein said tube is attached to said main body and provided with a hollow lumen in fluid contact with said main body hollow lumen;
- a non-compressible fluid located within the lumen proscribed by said tube and main body; and
- a blocking mechanism, wherein said blocking mechanism is slidably located on said tube thereby constraining said non-compressible fluid within said lumen.

31. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 30 wherein said flexible tube further comprises additional reservoir space, increasing the volume of the lumen proscribed by said tube and main body.

32. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any of claims 23-31~~ claim 23 further comprising an applicator used for insertion of said apparatus.

33. (Previously presented) A method of treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

inserting into a vagina an apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse; and positioning said apparatus within said vagina wherein said apparatus exhibits a non-planar configuration after said insertion.

34. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 wherein inserting is facilitated by using an applicator.

35. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 33-34~~ claim 33 further comprising removing said apparatus from said vagina.

36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 35 wherein said removal is facilitated by a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

37. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 33-36~~ claim 33 further comprising disposing of said apparatus.

38. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 33-37~~ claim 33 wherein said positioning does not apply direct pressure to a urethra.